

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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FOR FURTHER ACTION

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Cont. No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Cont. No. II Priority
- ☐ Cont. No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Cont. No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Cont. No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Cont. No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Cont. No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Cont. No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 5, 6, 9-13, 15, 16, 19, 20	YES
	Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 14, 17, 18	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 5, 6, 11-13, 15, 16, 20	YES
	Claims 1-4, 7-10, 14, 17-19	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-20	YES
	Claims —	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

The following documents have been cited in the Search Report:

D1: US2004/0173245 A1 (ELICK ET AL.) 2004.09.09

D2: US5450868 A (YOUNG) 1995.09.19

D3: US6182674 B1 (JOZWIAK ET AL.) 2001.02.06

Documents D1 and D3 disclose a sump of a dishwasher comprising a sump case, a sump cover, a sump cover covering the sump case, a self-cleaning filter, a washing pump, a pump lower receiving providing a soil chamber, a washing motor, a drain pump and a drain motor, according to the characteristic features of claim 1 and 14.

Also a fluid passage guide, a disposer and a screen filter, according to claims 2-4 are disclosed in documents D1 and D3.

Therefore the subject matter of claims 1-4 and 14 is not novel with respect to each one of the documents D1 and D3, and does not involve an inventive step according to each one of these documents.

Document D1 also discloses a turbidity sensor and a heater, according to claims 7 and 8.

Therefore the subject matter of claims 7 and 8 is not novel with respect to document D1 and does not involve an inventive step according to this document.

As document D1 also shows a turbidity sensor and an impeller connected to the washing motor, according to claims 17 and 18, also the subject matter of claims 17 and 18 is not novel with respect to document D1 and does not involve an inventive step.

Document D2 discloses a sump of a dishwasher comprising a sump case, a sump cover, a sump cover covering the sump case, a self-cleaning filter, a washing pump, and a sealing assembly, according to the characteristic features of claims 9, 10 and 19. Therefore in a combination of document D3 with either document D1 or D2 results that the subject matter of claims 9, 10 and 19 is novel but not inventive in comparison to the state of the art documents.

Consequently the subject matter of claims 5, 6 and 11-13, 15, 16 and 20 is novel with respect to any of the state of the art documents and involves an inventive step according to each one of these documents.

Industrial applicability is given.
